

# GUIDE TO A WASTE FREE GATHERING

## Preparation: Make Room and Borrow

**Make Room:** make room in your fridge and freezer so you can store any leftovers you may end up with.

**Borrow:** Ask your friends, family, coworkers, or neighbors if they have what you need.

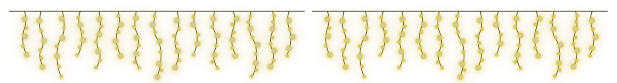


## Decorations: Opt for Reusable

- String Lights
- Fabric Tablecloths
- Flags
- Reusable Banners

### Need to buy something you can't reuse?

Try to buy items made from uncoated paper, so it can be easily recycled.



## Serving Ware: Say No to Single Use



**Reuse:** Durable plastic plates, cups, cutlery, and cloth napkins can be reused for years to come.

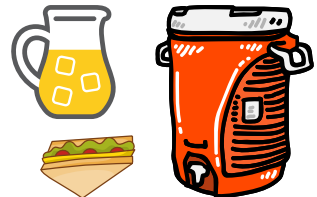
**Dirty Dishes Bin:** set up a collection bucket where guests can put their used items to be washed later.



## Food and Drink: Refill

**Refill:** Instead of bottles and cans, use pitchers so guests can refill their beverages as they please.

**Finger Food:** You may be able to eliminate the need for cutlery all together by offering finger food.



## Clean Up: Sort Your Waste

**Waste Sorting:** Use the three-bin system for landfill, recycling, and organics. Be sure to print out proper signage to inform your guests of the process!



## Make a Zero Waste Party Pack!

**Have a group of friends, neighbors, church, or an HOA that often throw parties?**  
Keep a shared bin of party supplies for people to use when needed!

### What to include in your party pack:

- Reusable plates, cups, and cutlery
- Cloth napkins and tablecloths
- Waste sorting signage
- Decorations
- etc.